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Rome, Febr. 28. *N. S.*

THE Pope grows daily better, and does now give Audience to the Foreign Ministers, who have Complimented him upon his Recovery, for which *Te Deum* has been also sung in all the Churches of this City. The Cardinal *Santa Croce*, who is lately returned from *Vienna*, had Audience of the Pope on the 25th Instant, and gave him an Account of his Negociations; The Pope received him very well, and bestowed on him two Abbeys, the one in *Mantua*, and the other in the State of *Milan*, the yearly Revenue of which amounts to 4000 Crowns; And two Pensions of 3000 Crowns each are given to the Cardinals *Spinelli* and *Gabrieli*, to be paid them out of the Revenues of the Bishoprick of *Osimo*, vacant by the Death of Cardinal *Palavicini*. Signior *Pignatelli*, Arch-Bishop of *Tarenta*, came hither this week, the Pope, to whom he is related, having made Choice of him to go with the Character of his Nuncio to the Court of *Poland* in the room of Signior *Davia*, whom he has thought fit to recall from that Employment. The Arch-Bishop is returned to *Tarenta*, but he will come hither again in few days to receive his Instructions, and prepare for his Journey. 'Tis believed the Pope intends to reserve for him one of the vacant Caps. The Proceedings in the Inquisition here against the Jesuits, who are accused of horrid Impiety, by allowing their Proselytes in *China* to continue the Worship of their Idols, provided by a Mental Reservation they address their Prayers to God or some Saint, have been discontinued during the Pope's Illness, but he has sent Orders to the Congregation of the Inquisitors to proceed in the Examination of these Matters. Cardinal *Casanatta* and Cardinal *Sachetti* continue dangerously ill.

Genoua, February 28. An Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of *Lorrain* arrived here some days ago, and on the 26th Instant had Audience of the Doge and Senate, whom he acquainted with the Duke his Master's being restored to the Possession of his Country, and with the Birth of the Prince of *Lorrain* his Son; And the Envoy intends shortly to take his Audience of Leave, being appointed to go to the Duke of *Mantua* with the same Character. The Cardinal *d'Estrees* came hither lately from *Turin* in his way to *Rome*, and went on board a Felucca, designing to have gone by Sea as far as *Sarzana*, but contrary Winds having obliged him to return hither, he has left this place, and continues his Journey by Land.

Warsaw, Febr. 25. Divers Persons of Quality, who accompanied the King of *Poland* to *Saxony*, are returned hither, and the King is shortly expected; Preparations are making for the Meeting of the General Diet, who are to assemble soon after his return.

From the Saxon *Camp before* Riga, *Mar.* 1. Nothing remarkable has happened here since our taking the *Kober* Fort, in which we found 16 Pieces of Cannon. These are made use of to batter part of the Town which this Fort commands, and we have by this means very much damaged several Houses, and almost ruined the Steeple of St. *Peter*'s Church; but nothing further will be attempted against the Town before the Arrival of our Artillery, which we daily expect. The Besieged do in the mean time ply us very hard with their Cannon, but without doing us any great Mischief. Major-General *Patcoull*, who was sent out on the 26th past with 1500 *Saxon* Horse, is returned, but none of the Gentlemen of *Livonia* have joined him as he expected. The *Swedes* upon the motion of these Troops abandoned *Keckenhuisen*, situate on the River *Duina*, and retired to a Post 10 miles farther; General *Fleming*, who has the Chief Command of the King of *Poland*'s Forces, is gone out himself with a Body of 2000 Horse and Dragoons. General *Sapieha* is expected with 6000 Men from *Lithuania*; And the Discourse continues, that Major-General *Carlowitz* is coming to join us with 30000 Men of the Czar of *Muscovy*'s Forces.

Mittaw, March 4. The Letters from the Camp before *Riga* contradict the Report we had just before the departure of the last Post from hence, that the *Saxons* had attacked the *Dunamunder* Fort near *Riga*; They stay now for their Artillery, and as soon as that arrives, (which they expect in few days,) 'tis believed they will make a formal Attack upon the Town. A great number of Wagons drawn by 6 and 4 Horses each, passed two days ago through this Place going to the Camp, laden with Provisions and Baggage. In the mean time Count *Dahlberg*, the Governor of *Riga*, is putting the City into the best posture of Defence he can, and, because of his great Age, has sent for Colonel *Bootbergen*, who Commanded in the *Dunamunder* Fort, to assist him, and the Command of that Fort is given to Colonel *Helsemet*. They write from *Livonia*, that Monsieur *Tiesenhuisen*, one of the Principal Gentlemen of that Dutchy, is raising Men for the Service of the King of *Sweden*.

Vienna, March 6. The Dutchess-Dowager of *Hanover* left this Place on the 4th Instant, being accompanied by the Counts *Heyos* and *Volkra*, whom the Emperor has appointed to conduct her, and defray her Charges as far as the Borders of *Italy*. The Business relating to the Subsistence and Quarters for the Imperial Forces is now settled. The Count of *Strahlenheim*, who is lately arrived here as Envoy from the King of *Sweden*, had his first Audience of the Emperor on the first Instant, and yesterday he had Audience of the King and Queen of the *Romans*. The Grand Signior's Ambassador makes frequent Visits to General *Staremberg*, President of the Council of War; And besides the Present he made him in the Name of the Grand Signior of two very fine Horses, he has also presented to him 2 Pieces of very rich Gold Brocado, 12 Pieces of fine Callico, 3 Bezoar Stones, 2 great Lumps of Musk, a *Turkey* Carpet very curiously wrought, and some other Things of Value.

Francfort, March 14. The Letters from *Strasbourg* of the 12th Instant give an account, that the Marquis *d'Uxelles* has received Orders from the most Christian King to evacuate the Town of *Brisac*, which he intends to do on the 20th Instant; And accordingly Major-General *Thungen*, who is at present at *Mentz*, is preparing